

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 437

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend David Shannon on his selection as President of Freed-Hardeman University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is David Shannon, who was recently named the next president of Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson; and

WHEREAS, a veteran preacher, Mr. Shannon has served since 1999 as the minister of Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, overseeing the growth of the congregation from 500 members to more than 1,100; and

WHEREAS, established in 1869, Freed-Hardeman University is a private Christian university offering undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students; and

WHEREAS, selected by the Freed-Hardeman Board of Trustees, Mr. Shannon is a 1989 graduate of Freed-Hardeman University and will become the institution's sixteenth president later this summer, succeeding President Joe Wiley; and

WHEREAS, David Shannon epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his selection marks the beginning of a new and exciting era in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, David Shannon is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Tracie Barnes, and their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to honor and recognize David Shannon on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend David Shannon on his selection as President of Freed-Hardeman University and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.